

SENATOR SAVAGE: 819 is advanced. The next bill is LB 808.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 808 was introduced by Senator Venditte. Title read. The bill was read on January 12th of this year. It was referred to the Judiciary Committee. It was advanced to General File without amendments. Senator DeCamp has amendments pending which I understand he wishes to withdraw. Is that accurate? Mr. President, Senator Venditte then offers amendments to his own bill.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The Chair recognizes Senator Venditte.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, all the bill does, it just simply creates new penalties for the possession of small amounts of marijuana and I think that you will find on page 1664 of the Journal, it is rather explicit and somewhat self-explanatory. I might just add that this a compromise that has been reached by Brother John and his staff and myself, and at this point in time, I certainly think that it is amenable to all and hopefully to this body as well, and I move, first of all, Mr. Clerk, I move for the adoption of the amendments.

SENATOR SAVAGE: You are moving the amendment to your bill?

SENATOR VENDITTE: Pat, should I do that first, the amendment?

SENATOR SAVAGE: I have two lights, Senator DeCamp and Senator Koch, do you wish to speak to the amendment?

SENATOR DeCAMP: Just to say I want to adopt it, that it is an agreed upon amendment and I think it is reasonable and I believe that it accomplishes all of the goals that I felt were necessary in terms of economy and more effective law enforcement, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Senator Koch, on the amendment.

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. Speaker, I just want Senator Venditte to know that this bill did not have unanimous consent coming out of the committee but I am willing to forego the privilege of stopping it right here on the floor today and I would hope that someday he would offer the same opportunity.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Okay, hearing no discussion, the question is the adoption of the amendment to LB 808. There is an amendment to the amendment now.

SENATOR VENDITTE: Yes, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I have one very simple amendment that I would like to add at this point and, Mr. Clerk, did you want to read that?

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Venditte moves to amend his own amendment. Read. (See page 1724, Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR VENDITTE: Okay, what it does, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I, first of all, want to preface my comments by saying, again, Brother John has agreed to this amendment, and what it does is basically what we are saying is that someone who is caught for the third time with marijuana, small amounts of marijuana, and more specifically,